

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An easily assembled and disassembled modular furniture system,
comprising:

a base frame;

a plurality of furniture modules including a first arm module, a second arm
5 module, a seat suspension module and a backrest module;

at least one fastener assembly for securing at least one of said modules to
said base frame or said modules to each other; and

a replaceable upholstery cover for a corresponding one of at least one of
said modules, said at least one cover including a sheet of fabric with a first releasable
10 fastener for tensioning said fabric in a first direction upon assembly to said corresponding
module, and a second releasable fastener for tensioning said fabric in a second direction
upon assembly to said corresponding module.

2. The system of claim 1 in which said first direction is generally
normal to said second direction.

3. The system of claim 1 in which said first direction is generally
vertical and said second direction is generally horizontal.

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4. The system of claim 1 wherein said releasable fasteners are taken from the group consisting of zippers and hook and loop fasteners.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein said arm modules have a sculptured arm configuration and an elongate slot, and wherein said replaceable upholstery cover includes an edge roll constructed and arranged to engage said slot, a first zipper projecting in a generally vertical direction near a rear end of said module, and a second zipper projecting in a generally horizontal direction along a bottom of said module.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein said first zipper is disposed on said sheet to be hidden by said backrest module upon assembly of said system.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein said backrest module includes a front edge with an inner surface fitted substantially along its length with one of a hook and loop fastener material, and said at least one replaceable upholstery cover is configured for engaging said backrest module and is provided with a front edge having the other of said hook and loop fastener material, and a pair of side panels, at least one of said side panels being equipped with a zipper for exerting generally horizontal tension on said cover over said module.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein said zipper is located on said side panel to be obscured by said arm module upon assembly of said system.

9. A replaceable upholstery cover for use in an easily assembled and disassembled modular furniture system including a base frame, a plurality of furniture modules including a first arm module, a second arm module, a seat suspension module and a backrest module, at least one fastener assembly for securing at least one of the
5 modules to the base frame or the modules to each other, said cover comprising:

a sheet of fabric with a first releasable fastener for tensioning said fabric in a first direction, and a second releasable fastener for tensioning said fabric in a second direction, said directions being normal to each other.

10. The cover of claim 9 wherein said releasable fasteners are taken from the group consisting of zippers and hook and loop fasteners.

11. The cover of claim 9 wherein the arm modules have a sculptured arm configuration and an elongate slot, and wherein said replaceable upholstery cover includes an edge roll constructed and arranged to engage said slot, a first zipper projecting in a generally vertical direction and disposed on said sheet to be located near a rear end of
5 the module upon installation, and a second zipper projecting in a generally horizontal direction and disposed to be located along a bottom of the module upon installation.

12. The system of claim 9 wherein the backrest module includes a front edge with an inner surface fitted substantially along its length with one of a hook and loop fastener material, and said cover is configured for engaging the backrest module and is provided with a front edge having the other of said hook and loop fastener material for engaging said front edge of the module, and a pair of side panels, at least one of said side panels being equipped with a zipper for exerting generally horizontal tension on said cover over the module.

13. A bracket for releasably securing components of an easily assembled and disassembled modular furniture system including a base frame, a plurality of furniture modules including a first arm module, a second arm module, a seat suspension module and a backrest module, said bracket comprising:

a blade portion ⁹² having a mounting formation ⁹⁶ configured for attachment to one of the components, and an elongate blade formation ¹⁰² projecting from said mounting formation; and

a sheath portion ⁹³ defining a chamber for receiving said blade formation and also having a mounting formation configured for attachment to an adjacent one of the components.

13 14. The bracket of claim 13 wherein said blade engages said sheath in a substantially coaxial relationship.

Box 13 15. The bracket of claim 13 further including an open rear end of said chamber and a locking device for securing said blade to said sheath portion upon passing through said chamber.

13 16. The bracket of claim 15 further including a formation on said blade for engaging said locking device.

13 17. The bracket of claim 13 wherein said blade forms a right angle.

18. An easily assembled and disassembled modular furniture system, comprising:

a base frame;

a plurality of furniture modules including a first arm module, a second arm module, a seat suspension module and a backrest module;
5 at least one fastener assembly including opposing sheath brackets on said base frame and at least one of said modules, or on adjacent modules, said opposing sheath brackets defining a chamber, and a bar configured for insertion into said chamber.